

Professional people's pay

Plowden proposes 12% rise for top posts

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The Plowden Committee has recommended a 30.9 per cent pay rise for MPs, which would raise their salaries from £14,510 to £19,000. Cabinet ministers should be given a rise of 47 per cent, taking them from £37,400 to £55,000.

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

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The report said that an increase of 6.9 per cent was needed to restore salaries to the level which was recommended for April, 1982. A further increase of 6.9 per cent was urged on top of that readjusted salary.

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Forces get 7.2% for long hours

By John Witherow

The Falklands conflict was not a factor in a recommendation of a 7.2 per cent rise for the Armed Forces, the review body of Armed Forces pay said in its report published yesterday.

30.9% is urged for MPs

By Orr Political Correspondent

The Plowden Committee yesterday recommended a 32.7 per cent increase, worth £3.6m a year, in the pay bill for ministers, MPs and other parliamentary office-holders.

It maintained that it would be "inconsistent to add to the military salary concept the notion of payment for specific operations". None the less, such operations could lead to excessive hours, as in Northern Ireland, and pay awards took that into account.

The report said one of the key considerations was to ensure a broad comparability with civilian pay by taking into account perks, such as company cars, not available to Servicemen.

Doctors and dentists offered 8.7%

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

The Government last night offered doctors and dentists an immediate pay rise of 6 per cent, to be followed by a further 2.7 per cent next January.

The increase compares with a rise of 6 per cent last year and 10.3 per cent the year before for the Armed Forces.

It has been suggested that the night was well organized this year, but union officials said dramatic swings between left and right would continue as long as the political groupings published voting "slates" in propaganda material.

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Gay film banned

A film intended to publicize a homosexual counselling service has been rejected by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. The IBA said last night it did not think it proper to broadcast the message because public attitudes were deeply divided.

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Sale room

The Milnes armour will require an export licence to leave Britain and a decision on this is certain to be referred to the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art. It is, however, unlikely that any national collection could raise the purchase price without assistance.

£10 bonus

The £10 Christmas bonus to pensioners will be paid again this year, Mr Norman Fowler, Social Services Secretary announced in a Commons written reply yesterday. About 10.5 million people will benefit.



Right sweeps in on union executive

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The leadership of the largest Civil Service union took another violent political shift yesterday when election results showed an almost clean sweep of executive seats by right-wingers.

Labour may 'reopen' Croxteth school

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The new Labour regime in Liverpool is to try to reestablish Croxteth comprehensive school, which has been occupied and run by rebel parents for the past year on volunteer labour and donations.

Scargill seeks merger with steel union

By Paul Rutherford, Labour Editor, Sheffield

The miners are to seek a merger with the steel workers to create a 300,000-member industrial union dedicated to halting any further rundown in their nationalized enterprises.

The election

More Election news, pages 4 and 5

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Labour naive, says Heseltine

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence yesterday denounced the Labour Party's defence policies in perhaps the strongest language yet used by the Government, describing them as naive, destabilizing and dangerous.

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Science report

Quasars are where they appear to be

By the Staff of Nature Strong new evidence in favour of the more conventional of the two main theories about the nature of quasars has been produced by Dr Peter Shaver, of the European Southern Observatory, near Munich, and Dr Gordon Robertson, of the Anglo-Australian Observatory in New South Wales.

The question about quasars (or "quasi-stars", which in a telescope look like stars, but in reality are much brighter and farther away) is why their waves of light are stretched out and thereby reddened (redshifted).

The conventional view has been that quasars are cosmological objects, participating like galaxies in the general expansion of the Universe. In the expansion, the farther away the quasar, the faster it will recede.

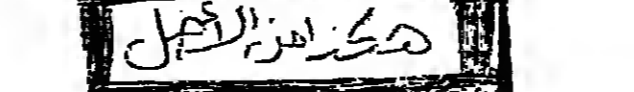
Dr Shaver and Dr Robertson have now shown that the conventional picture is probably correct - by adopting a new and elegant technique which takes advantage of the recent discovery of clouds of gas around quasars.

On the conventional view, the one with larger red-shift will be farther away and so its light will shine through the clouds of gas that surround the quasar with smaller red-shift.

On the unconventional view, however, the red-shift of the quasar does not determine its distance, so either the higher or the lower red-shift quasar might be in front and therefore absorption could go in either direction.

In a preliminary sample of 11 known quasars, Dr Shaver and Dr Robertson found four where the higher red-shift quasar showed clear absorption at the lower red-shift, but none where the reverse was the case.

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ELECTION JUNE 83 Advertising pace quickens Ecology targets Sports campaign

Poster battle by Tories as Labour uses radio and Alliance hires lorries

By Torin Douglas

The advertising battle between the parties will begin on Sunday, when the first Conservative posters are due to start appearing on sites throughout the country...

Johny Wright, of Wright and Partners, said "Political parties are not allowed to advertise on the Independent Broadcasting Authority television and radio stations but Radio Luxembourg is separate. To my knowledge it has not been done before."

us about our fleet of lorries, in fact there was just one. The main reason we did it was that it is hard to find poster sites in Westminster and Fleet Street, where we wanted them."



"Move along, sonny"

considering booking the odd page in Time Out and perhaps even the London Alternative Magazine, though since Mr Wright mentioned this on Radio 4 this week he has been inundated with calls from other fringe newspapers.

Hattersley clashes with Day

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley, leading moderate member of Labour's Shadow Cabinet, was involved in a bad-tempered clash with Sir Robin Day, the BBC interviewer yesterday after he objected that he was being questioned solely on the 10 per cent of the party's manifesto with which he admitted he disagreed.

Cash relief demanded for sport

The Central Council of Physical Recreation, the umbrella group campaigning for British sport, yesterday outlined its demands, aimed at all parliamentary candidates, in a 10-point programme to reinject into sport £50m. Most of the money is levied on sporting bodies in tax and local rates.

The main Labour and Alliance poster campaigns are unlikely to begin until Monday week. Though if they can print their posters in time which seems unlikely, they too could have them up on some sites early next week by courtesy of Bass, the brewers.

Mr Lawson said the Conservatives are unlikely to use Radio Luxembourg "because we think we shall be getting sufficient media coverage without it". But he said the party is still considering cinema, the medium it used to reach young voters in 1979.

All three parties will be using national and regional newspapers. The Labour Party's target audience in the C12C2 readers, for which it will be using the Daily Mirror, The Sun, the Daily Star and the popular Sunday papers. However, it will also be advertising heavily in The Guardian and is considering The Observer.

Alliance will not get parity in broadcasts

The BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority confirmed yesterday that the Conservative and Labour parties would have five party election broadcasts and the SDP/Liberal Alliance would have four. The Alliance had asked to be given equal time with the other two main parties.

the Alliance will have three. These will be transmitted at 8.47am. On Radio 2 the two main parties will have three five-minute spots and the Alliance two, going out at 2.30 pm. The SNP will have two 10-minute broadcasts on Radio Scotland, and Plaid Cymru one 10-minute broadcast on Radio Wales-Cymru.

Ecology Party aims to treble its vote

By David Nicholson-Lord

The Ecology Party is to fight twice as many seats next month as it did in the 1979 general election and will aim for 5 per cent of the vote, more than three times what it obtained last time.

concentrating less on specific environmental issues and more on the broad areas of employment, peace and disarmament. The party would be aiming to show that economic growth now meant the shedding of jobs. It would be calling for a range of alternative labour-intensive job creation measures in areas like energy conservation, recycling and organic farming.

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Farewell to the man who has become legend in his lifetime

THE SPEAKER

Amid all-party front and backbench tributes to his distinguished services, the House of Commons bade farewell to its Speaker since 1976, Mr George Thomas, a man who, according to the Prime Minister, had become a legend in his lifetime.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, said that broadcasting the proceedings of the House had meant that the bewitching and appealing lilt of Tonypanady had been heard across the country and indeed across the world. He had filled the office with peculiar grace and charm.

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Leaders clash for last time before dissolution

GENERAL ELECTION

Mr Thatcher, the Prime Minister and Mr Foot, the leader of the Opposition again clashed over their respective policies, promises and past performances during the last Prime Minister's question time before Parliament is dissolved.

Mr Foot suggested that by the end of the year unemployment and inflation would be up and the balance of payments situation would be serious. Mr Thatcher decided to make any forecasts, but said exporters had done a superb job in the past few years.

The Speaker said: 'I wish to make a personal statement of a valedictory nature. I wish to express my deep and sincere gratitude to all those who have served the House during my period as Speaker.'

There is a meaning and a strength behind the traditions which we have inherited. It is here in this House that the values which have brought greatness to our country are still being lived.

Mr Foot added his thanks and gratitude to Mr Thomas for his service as Speaker. He said it gave the Opposition special pride to recall the way he had discharged his functions to the House and to the country.

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Women knew of spying

From Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

Geoffrey Prime, who was sentenced last November to 35 years in prison for spying for the Russians, had told his first wife of his activities at Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) at Cheltenham as early as 1973.

Nothing appeared to raise any doubt as to the suitability for the PV clearance. 'Our conclusion is that there is no ground for supposing that anyone failed to discharge his duties under the PV procedures otherwise than in a conscientious and efficient manner.'

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Unions to urge boycott of lie detectors

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Civil Service unions are planning to urge their members to boycott any attempt by the Government to introduce polygraphs, or lie detectors, into the positive vetting procedures, as suggested in the report.

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Powell says Tories fear they will not win

N IRELAND

The Government was moving the annual order to renew direct rule in Northern Ireland now because it was not convinced it would be able to form an administration after the election, Mr Enoch Powell suggested in the Commons.

Temple-Morris: Labour's Militant candidates

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, Lab) would she not agree that although there is a very large lead in the opinion polls at the moment, the Labour Party's landslide victory of 1931 proportions, it is only the actual vote on June 9 that matters and therefore there should be no complacency whatsoever.

New Clerk of Parliaments

The resignation of Sir Peter Henderson as the Clerk of the Parliaments, after serving nearly nine years in that office, and the appointment of Mr John Sainy as his successor from the beginning of the summer recess, was announced by Lady Young, Lord Privy Seal, and Leader of the House of Lords.

Protection of election candidates in Ulster

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Peace activists get together at East Berlin secret meeting

From Michael Binyon, Berlin

At a secret rendezvous in East Berlin, a dozen Western delegates to an international peace conference in West Berlin have held a meeting with 35 unofficial East German peace campaigners who had been denied exit visas to attend.

The delegates, from America, Western Europe and Japan, trickled across Checkpoint Charlie one by one on tourist visas and brought back a message from their East German colleagues, after the meeting on Wednesday evening, which said that peace in Europe was indivisible from human rights, freedom and self-determination.

The East Germans called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from all foreign countries, the establishment of nuclear-free zones in East and West, the creation of democratic social structures throughout Europe, and freedom of religion and assembly.

They also demanded an end to injustices inside each country and all suppression of peoples by their governments.

The group concluded: "We greatly regret that the credibility of peace proposals of the Soviet Union and the German Democratic Republic is undermined by their refusal to allow us to take part in the open dialogue of your conference."

The organizers of the second European Nuclear Disarmament Convention, which began plenary sessions yesterday and goes on until Saturday, also received messages of support from an unofficial peace group in Moscow and from the Charter 77 human rights group in Czechoslovakia.

Altogether 3,000 people representing 400 groups have arrived here to plan and organize non-violent ways of preventing the deployment of new Nato missiles in Europe, as well as discussing the economic costs of the arms race, war-breaking East-West confrontation, the maintenance of detente and general disarmament.

Representatives of the Greenham Common women attracted considerable attention. Calling for support from all European peace movements, they announced they will fight the

British general election, putting up candidates against Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, Mr Denis Healey, the Labour Party's deputy leader, and other Labour politicians, they said did not hold to the party's disarmament policies.

They also announced a peace march from Scotland to Greenham Common starting on May 19 and a women's strike on May 24, when all women working in firms involved in the preparation of sites and cruise missile sites would stop work.

Women from Cosimo, in Sicily, also spoke of crises they have forged with the Greenham Common women.

The women insisted they would never resort to violent opposition, although they said police has become increasingly aggressive and disruptive. But we are still here. Please visit us. We may be evicted any day.

Non-violence, one woman told a press conference, was more than just blocking bases, it was a slow process of unlearning habits learnt from society, and has wide political and social implications for the women's movement.

A main theme that ran through the first three days of expert hearings was whether the peace campaigners should couple human rights with the peace issue, or whether the peace movements should concentrate on what they saw as the immediate threat - the new Nato missiles.

Several prominent campaigners and politicians have taken part in the conference. Mr Michael Foot, the Labour party leader sent a message of support. Mr Bruce Kent, the chairman of CND, arrived on Wednesday afternoon, and Herr Eggo Bahr, the West German Social Democratic Party defence expert, took part in some of the hearings.

Herr Oskar Lafontaine, the mayor of Saarbrücken and a leading left-wing Social Democratic critic of the Nato decision, said his party should propose a nuclear freeze as soon as possible and not wait for the American Congress to act.

Echoes of Chicago in Philadelphia contest

The Rizzo razzmatazz makes Goode look even better

From Nicholas Ashford Philadelphia

"Ladies and gentlemen, let's give a big hand to Philadelphia's favourite son, Frank L. Rizzo", the compere barked into a microphone. His voice was almost drowned by the cheers of the Rizzo supporters as they had arrived in a blaze of television lights.

It was like a scene from *The Godfather*. Seven hundred and fifty people had packed into Palumbo's restaurant and nightclub in the heart of Philadelphia's Italian quarter, where they were paying \$100 (£63) a plate to support their candidate's campaign for Tuesday's Democratic mayoral primary.

Large men in shiny suits and even shinier shoes sweated under the arc lamps as Mr Rizzo, a former police commissioner and twice mayor of America's fourth-largest city, vowed to restore strong leadership to Philadelphia. "Rizzo makes me proud of my heritage", said a man who gave his name as Champagne Charlie. "He has a heart as big as his body."

A couple of miles away Mr Rizzo's main opponent, Mr Wilson Goode, the city's black former senior manager, had just attended a less rambunctious meeting at the Academy of Music, where a group of "Bankers for Goode" had gathered to hear him explain how he intended to run the city "like a \$1.4 billion corporation with 1.6 million stockholders."

There were no television lights, only a handful of



Campaign flavour: Mr Wilson Goode taking a bite out of a pretzel while canvassing for support in a business area.

reporters, and the applause was politely restrained. Mr Goode spoke earnestly about the need to expand Philadelphia's tax base and to stem the flow of money and people from the city.

Mr Rizzo and Mr Goode are the two leading candidates in a six-way race for the Democratic nomination. The four others, who include a pretzel maker and a right-wing extremist, are expected to pick up only a handful of votes.

The racial character of this contest has led to comparisons with Chicago, where Mr Harold Washington was elected recently as its first black mayor. If Mr Goode wins next Tuesday - and opinion polls suggest that he should do so easily - he will stand a strong chance of becoming Philadelphia's first black chief executive when the mayoral election takes place in the autumn.

There clearly are some

similarities end, and officials for both candidates have grown tired of repeating that Philadelphia is not Chicago. For a start there has been none of the overt race-baiting during the campaign that there was in Chicago.

During this campaign Mr Rizzo, who was renowned for his combative style and big mouth, has been deliberately restrained. One of his few controversial remarks was to describe Mr Washington as Al Capone, a reference to the Chicago mayor's term in prison for tax evasion.

Mr Goode has also been careful to avoid making race an issue. Whereas Mr Washington campaigned on the theme "now it's our turn", Mr Goode has been busily building up support among liberal middle-class whites.

Unlike Chicago, where neither Mr Washington nor his Republican opponent had much experience in city government, both Mr Rizzo and Mr Goode have solid records on which they can be judged.

Mr Rizzo, aged 62, a self-made man and an old-style city boss, has tried to convey the impression that Philadelphia was in better fiscal and social condition when he was in charge. He has blamed Mr Goode, as the city's top appointed official for the past three years, for the deficit of more than \$100m.

However, many Philadelphians have less happy memories of Mr Rizzo's years in office. "There was a lot of tension in the city then, a sense of chaos," according to

Mr Larry Eichel, the political correspondent of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Mr Rizzo, aged 62, became known for his outrageous remarks. For example he pledged to run a law-and-order administration that would make "Attila the Hun look like a faggot". Many also recall - aided by Mr Goode's television commercial - that he failed a lie detector test and that he called for 15,000 federal troops to guard the city's streets during the 1976 bicentennial celebrations.

Mr Rizzo has been trying a new image, toning down his rhetoric, courting black voters and even granting an interview to a gay newspaper.

His opponents, however, do not seem convinced that he has really changed, while his supporters seem disappointed that some of the fire has gone out of his belly.

Mr Goode, aged 44, is the complete antithesis of Mr Rizzo. The son of a sharecropper, he is a college graduate and an experienced city manager. He wears three-piece suits and a down expression and speaks in a bland, unexpressive way.

He has a reputation for hard work and never being late for a meeting. He appears almost boring, which is perhaps one of his strongest assets, as this makes him non-threatening to whites. Unlike Mr Washington, Mr Goode has no skeletons hiding in any of his cupboards.

Kenya fury against a 'traitor'

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Kenya has been treated to a flood of emotional statements condemning an unnamed "traitor" and any country supporting him. The campaign began after President Daniel arap Moi's claim last weekend that some foreign countries were grooming another Kenyan to take over the presidency.

The issue has dominated the front pages of the newspapers here throughout the week, and the term "traitor" is being applied to the unidentified subject of President Moi's anger.

Mr Francis Mutwol, parliamentary secretary of the ruling Kenya African National Union (KANU) party, says the "traitor" is a minister who has made many trips abroad and has property and money outside Kenya.

Other statements have demanded that Kenya close the mission of the unnamed country said to be supporting a change of president.

President Moi has called for support for his Vice-President, Mr Mwai Kibaki, who has issued a strongly-worded declaration of loyalty. Mr Kibaki added: "We challenge the foreign powers and their Kenyan traitors to fight it out openly."

But despite many calls for the "traitor" to be identified, nobody has named a name, or identified the foreign power which is alleged to have decided to groom him for the presidency.

TV ban on Greek opposition

From Mario Modiano Athens

The Greek Government rejected an opposition request for television time on the ground that its opponents were abusing the facility so as to put across a scare campaign that divided the nation.

Greek radio and television are controlled by the Government, but when the Socialists came to power 19 months ago, they declared that, unlike their Conservative predecessors, they would give the opposition a chance to air its views whenever it wished.

Mr Evangelos Averoff, the leader of the conservative New Democracy, the main opposition party, denounced the Government on Wednesday night for turning down his request for a 15-minute talk on television, without the courtesy of an explanation. He said this showed how scared the Government was of criticism that it was muzzling the opposition, and causing democracy grave harm.

A Government spokesman said Mr Averoff's words were in fact an indictment of his own party which had imposed a virtual monopoly on state media between 1974 and 1981. Mr Averoff had in office, the last one eight weeks ago.

Mr Averoff's address was published in the Greek newspapers instead. In it he accused the Government of mismanaging the economy, ruining business confidence, causing widespread unemployment and forcing the reluctant country gradually towards a "collectivist economy".

Judge told to release De Lorean evidence

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A federal appeals court in Los Angeles has ordered the release of court documents relating to the forthcoming trial of Mr John De Lorean on cocaine charges, a move that was hailed by newspapers as significant step for press freedom.

It is rare for American judges in criminal cases to prevent journalists seeing court documents, even if they are not presented or read out in open court. But in the De Lorean case District Judge Robert Takasugi sealed an extensive number of documents on the grounds that their release might prejudice the chances of a fair trial.

The *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* and the *Associated Press* filed an emergency petition against the judge's ruling. Lawyers on both sides have been given until today by the appeals court to argue why certain of the documents should still remain closed.

The appeals court said the sealing of documents from public scrutiny was unconstitutional. It ordered Judge Takasugi to release all of them today unless he receives motions from prosecuting or defence lawyers relating to specific, sensitive documents.

He was issued with precise guidelines on how he must rule "document by document" on anything that is kept sealed.

The appeals court said that the document that persuaded Judge Takasugi to impose the secrecy order - A prosecution allegation that Mr De Lorean had ties with the Irish Republican Army - was "insufficient cause... for the imposition of a blanket order".

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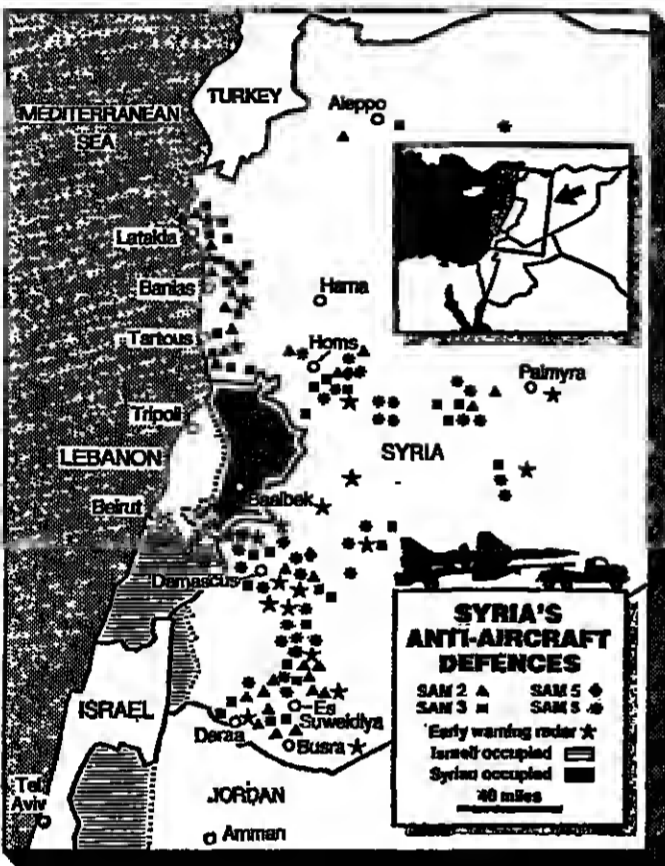
Syria installs 230-mile air defence system with Russian missiles

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Soviet military advisers and Syrian Air Force personnel have completed a sophisticated anti-aircraft missile defence system - a 230-mile long missile "trap" to destroy any surprise Israeli attack on Syria.

Israeli frontier and then up the Syrian coast from the northern Lebanese border to some 10 miles north of Latakia.

The missile system extends to the border with Lebanon, where rockets are positioned on the anti-Lebanon mountain range high above the Bekaa Valley.



SYRIA'S ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES. SAM 2 sites are clustered south of Damascus on a line running parallel to the coast.

Spain gives support to Palestinians

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

King Juan Carlos has expressed Spain's firm support for the Palestinian people's right to an "internationally recognized existence" and for new regional collaboration efforts by Algeria and Morocco.

Last obstacle to pact on Lebanon removed

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The final hurdle preventing the signing of the American-organized troop withdrawal agreement between Israel and Lebanon was overcome yesterday when the Israeli Government declared itself satisfied with last-minute clarifications it had sought in the text from the Lebanese.

As a result, the thirty-fourth and penultimate meeting of the Israeli Lebanese and American negotiators will take place in the resort town of Netanya this morning to finalize the wording of the agreement - which depends on so far unobtainable Syrian acquiescence before any of its provisions will go into effect.



Flames of dissent: Helmeted rioters setting fire to a barricade in the Latin Quarter of Paris.

Mauroy warns students after fresh riots

From Diana Geddes, Paris

After a week of violent clashes between students and police throughout France, M Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, warned students yesterday against allowing their demands to be exploited by extreme right-wing groups seeking to bring chaos to the Universities and violence to the streets.

Medical students were involved in an ugly clash with police on Wednesday night at the Cannes Film Festival, just before the gala showing of Nagisa Oshima's film, Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence, starring David Bowie.

Other violent incidents broke out in Paris later in the evening, as about 600 mainly law students staged an unexpected demonstration in the Latin Quarter, erecting barricades of burning tyres, boxes, planks and metal barriers, and hurling stones at police.

Salvadorean killers issue threat

San Salvador (NYT) - In El Salvador death threats often come by telephone. One night last week the message was more direct. The body of a young man had apparently been strangled and then shot in the head was found in a hotel car park, with a warning for a salvadorean politician.

Botha presses on regardless

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, promised yesterday that his Government would press ahead with its controversial constitutional reforms despite the by-election results, which suggest that he may no longer have the support of a majority of the all white electorate.

In an interview with pro-Government Afrikaans newspaper Beeld, the Prime Minister said: "The Government will continue to carry out the mandate (for reform) it was given at the general election (in April, 1981), and there is no question of putting on the brakes".

The main one is that all PPF voters would vote "no" in a referendum on the reforms. In fact, quite a number would probably vote "yes", on the basis that the proposed changes, though inadequate, would be better than the status quo.

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Galtieri throws spanner in Army's legal works

From Andrew Thompson, Buenos Aires

General Leopoldo Galtieri, the former Argentine President now serving a 45-day prison sentence, has questioned the authority of an Army court of honour set up to judge his conduct, according to informed sources.

disciplinary arrests of retired military officers, this development has further complicated the workings of the military legal system.

Mario Menendez, governor of the Falkland Islands during the Argentine occupation.

The General's prison term expires on May 27, but he faces another challenge from the inter-forces commission investigating the political and military conduct of the war with Britain.

Reagan's MX plans set for Congress approval

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The political tide now seems to be running in favour of the Reagan Administration's plan to deploy 100 of the new controversial MX intercontinental ballistic missiles in existing Minuteman silos, starting in 1986.

Chapman case going to Court of Human Rights

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The controversial case of Alan Chapman, the London journalist murdered in Athens in 1971, will be taken to the European Court of Human Rights jointly by Nikos Mourtzis, the man serving a life sentence for her death, and Mr Edward Chapman, the victim's father, who has questioned Mr Mourtzis's guilt.

China hit by killer hailstorms

Peking (Reuters) - Huge hailstorms, tornadoes and torrential rain have battered central China in the past two weeks, killing at least 339 people and injuring thousands. Hunan province, China's biggest rice-growing region, was the worst hit.

Two killed in Chile protest

Santiago (AFP) - Two people died, at least 10 were injured and 350 were arrested in violent civil protests organized by the copper miners' union.

Two injured in BA jumbo fire

Johannesburg (Reuters) - Two passengers were injured when more than 200 people used emergency chutes to evacuate a British Airways airliner after an engine caught fire at Jan Smuts Airport.

Joggers told: Don't overdo it

Moscow (AP) - Joggers have been warned not to run too hard too early in the day. The newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya said that jogging often got a bad reputation because newcomers overdid it and suffered heart ailments as a result.

Statue angers Marley fans

Kingston (AP) - Jamaican police had to remove a 9ft statue of Bob Marley, the reggae singer, after music fans had pelted it with stones and fruit.

Clergy beaten

Accra (Reuters) - Several Methodist clergymen in Ghana have been beaten up by demonstrators backing the Government's controversial 1983 budget, one of their colleagues said.

Shame list

Manila (Reuters) - Philippines tax dodgers will have their names put on town hall notice boards as part of a drive to stop income tax evasion.

Britons expelled

Bahrain (Reuters) - An American agricultural engineer said on arrival here that he and four other foreigners who had been members of a Christian group in Riyadh were expelled this week from Saudi Arabia.

Boxer guilty

Florence (AP) - Tiberio Mitri, the former world middleweight boxing contender, was convicted of possession and given a 16-month suspended sentence.

Street battle

Bochum, West Germany (Reuters) - Six police were injured and three demonstrators detained after street clashes outside a congress of the West German neo-fascist National Democratic Party.

Missile attack

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran said that at least 100 people were killed and 105 injured in an Iraqi missile attack on the western town of Andimeshk, close to the scene of some of the fiercest fighting in the Gulf war.

Kreisky's successor

Moderate takes over in Austria

By Our Foreign Staff

Austria is to have its first coalition government in 13 years after Socialist and right-wing Liberal Freedom Party negotiators agreed on a compromise programme likely to include modified tax rises.

The coalition, agreed at a fourth round of talks on Wednesday, will be led by Dr Fred Sinowatz, aged 54, now the Socialist Vice-Chancellor.

The Chancellor, Dr Bruno Kreisky, who has headed the Government since 1970, said he would stand down after the Socialist Party lost its absolute majority last month in the general elections for the 183-member National Assembly.

The Socialists, with 90 seats and the Freedom Party with 12 will have a 21-seat majority in the assembly. Both parties will now be asked to approve the coalition and Socialists will hold a special party congress next Tuesday.

Herr Heinz Fischer the Socialist leader in the assembly, told reporters after the talks that both sides had made concessions with the Socialists amending personal taxation plans.

The coalition's tax package is



Dr Sinowatz: modest successor.

expected to include a rise in value-added tax from 18 to 20 per cent and a 20 per cent tax on interest from anonymous savings accounts.

The outgoing Chancellor, Dr Kreisky will next week begin formalities for setting up a new government by calling on President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger. Dr Sinowatz is expected to present his government programme to Parliament on May 31.

Herr Norbert Steger, aged 39, the Freedom Party leader, who is expected to become vice-

chancellor, described this agreement as a "sound compromise".

The Freedom Party will have three ministries in the new government - Justice, Defence and economic ministry. The parties will discuss nominees for the posts within the next few days.

Herr Heinz Fischer the Socialist Party spokesman said the agreement ensured that the Socialist goal of full employment would remain the new Government's key economic aim. There would be no change in Austria's foreign policy.

Herr Alois Mock, leader of the opposition Peoples Party which has 81 seats in parliament, called the pact "a coalition of losers" which would follow a Socialist policy of waste, debt and new taxation that a majority of votes had clearly rejected.

Dr Sinowatz, aged 54, is an immensely popular figure, due to the fact that he is very much a man of the people and a Socialist who believes in and practises the Austrian tradition of consensus politics.

Dr Sinowatz was born in 1929 in a working-class family

at Neufeld-Leitha, in Austria's eastern province of Burgenland. His parents belonged to Burgenland's Croat minority and he grew up speaking Croatian as well as German.

After graduating in history from Vienna University in 1953, he became active in the Socialist Party in Burgenland, entering the provincial assembly as party secretary in 1961. He was a member of the Burgenland provincial government from 1966 to 1971, when he first entered national politics as Minister for Education and the Arts, a position he has held ever since.

He was appointed Vice-Chancellor, in succession to Dr Hannes Androsch.

Dr Sinowatz, a Freemason, is also known for his pro-Jewish sympathies and has been decorated by Vienna's Jewish community.

Short, portly and soft-spoken, Dr Sinowatz accepted his advancement modestly. Asked how he felt about succeeding Dr Kreisky, he said he would not try to copy him. "I shall always seek advice from him. But I shall always remain Fred Sinowatz," he said.



Commission to look into Australia's security

From Tony Daboussi Melbourne

A royal commission is to inquire into Australia's security organizations, the second within ten years, which will include an examination of the relationship between Mr Valery Ivanov, the Russian diplomat expelled from Australia last month, and Mr David Combe, the former national secretary of the Australian Labour Party.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, announcing this in the Federal Parliament yesterday, said that it would be headed by Mr Justice Hope, who conducted a previous inquiry into security organizations in 1977.

The Prime Minister said that the commission would be asked to report on the circumstances surrounding the expulsion of Mr Ivanov. Mr Combe's involvement in that issue and the actions of the Government in the matter. Later he told a news conference that because of his close association with Mr Combe the matter had "hurt him deeply".

The Cabinet has not yet ratified the decision and will not meet until Monday. The Prime Minister made it plain that the decision was his alone. "I am making it clear that I am responsible for the decision and I believe that the Cabinet, when it considers the matter on Monday, in the terms of the understanding I have at this stage, the position that I have put will be adopted by the Cabinet," he said.

Mr Combe said yesterday that there had been nothing improper in his relations with any member of the Soviet Embassy and in his opinion his relations had not given rise to any risk to Australian security as suggested by Mr Hawke in Parliament on Wednesday.

The announcement of a royal commission came after a morning of turmoil in the House of Representatives in Canberra with Mr Doug Anthony, the leader of the National Party, accusing the Government of a "massive breach" of civil liberties and a denial of rights to a citizen of Australia. He demanded a judicial inquiry into the Ivanov-Combe affair.

The royal commission will concentrate on the largest and most controversial of the security organizations, the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) as well as a full investigation into the Federal Government's ban on ministers associating with Mr Combe, now a lobbyist in Canberra.

When Communists disagree

Warsaw weekly's rebuff for Moscow

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Behind-the-scenes fighting between Moscow and a group of influential Polish Communists has left the party cloisters and came out into the open with a forcefully argued article in the latest issue of the weekly *Polityka*.

Polityka is Poland's leading political weekly, formerly edited by Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Deputy Prime Minister, and is at the very heart of the part of the Polish establishment which favours economic reform and mild political liberalization.

It thus came as a shock to the Polish leadership when the Soviet foreign affairs journal *New Times* published a particularly virulent attack on *Polityka* and a number of its reform-minded contributors. Was this an attack on General Jaruzelski's reform programme, or merely a mild corrective to the liberal Marxists in the party?

Polityka's reply to the Soviet attack bedges its bets and defends itself by declaring that the Moscow journal had distorted the words and sentiments of its writers.

"Its author, Andrey Ryzov, in an unprecedented tone has

criticized the line of our weekly against the background of the current situation in Poland and the numerous political and ideological dangers which arise from it." The article says: "Because the fragments quoted by Ryzov do not always, in our opinion, accord with what *Polityka* authors really wrote, we now take the liberty of full quotations as they were actually published by *Polityka*."

The rest of the newspaper makes it clear, with political nudges and winks, that it intends to stick to its line and is completely loyal to General Jaruzelski. An interview with Mr Rakowski is published, as is almost a complete page of quotations from General Jaruzelski.

An article by Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, says that the line of development after martial law was declared "has the support of all our allies who are learning to look at our difficulties and uniqueness with patience and understanding".

According to informed sources, the issue was discussed

at a session of the Communist Party leadership which gave the go-ahead to publication and also allowed news-stands to start selling the edition of the *New Times*.

As it happened, *Polityka* did not go on sale yesterday as usual but this was blamed on "distribution problems" and kiosk vendors pronounced it would be available by the afternoon.

The high-level interest shows the sensitivity of the subject *Polityka* demonstrates how its writers have been misquoted by matching quotation with quotation. The Soviet journal says that Mr Toeplitz for example, wrote "Poland should once and forever be declared a pluralistic country," a concept anathema to Soviet philosophy. But what Mr Toeplitz actually wrote is that Poland "is a pluralistic country, in which the pluralism is based on the reality of the socialist system".

Polityka's reply, relatively gentle, is thus couched in the manner of "putting the record straight," an approach that is designed to cause least offence

Wajda can still work in Poland

From Our Own Correspondent Warsaw

Andrzej Wajda, one of Eastern Europe's most outstanding film directors, was yesterday assured by the Polish Cultural Ministry that he can continue to work in Poland. But the Government is sticking to its decision to remove him as a studio head, saying that he failed to show the indispensable cooperation required by the authorities.

Mr Wajda is the latest victim of a campaign to ensure that creative unions and associations can once again become a bastion of support for solidarity, to sever the links between the discontented artist and the discontented worker. The result has been a groundswell of discontent in Warsaw's communist intellectual circles.

To activists in the journalists' and actors' unions - now banned - and the artists, film makers and writers unions, it seems perilously close to reality.

The scope for creative activity within unions which have to swear loyalty to the socialist system appears, to many, to be severely limited.

Protecting the past

Priscilla Presley, wife of the late Elvis Presley, with Ginger Rogers at a Californian state Senate judicial committee hearing in Sacramento.

They were testifying in support of a Bill promoted by Senator William Campbell (seen with them) to prohibit the use of a

name or a likeness of a deceased celebrity without the approval of the heirs, Christopher Thomas writes.

The measure was approved by the committee and sent to the state Senate, where it is expected to receive unanimous support.

Hu sees Russian policy in Asia as big obstacle

From Dena Trevisan, Belgrade

Mr Hu Yaobang, China's party leader, reaffirmed yesterday that his country wished to normalize relations with the Soviet Union, but said that there were still serious obstacles to be overcome before genuine results could be achieved.

Mr Hu, speaking at a press conference here after visiting Romania, said the obstacles endangered the sovereignty and security of China. Normalization was of fundamental interest to both countries and to the world at large, but must be genuine and "not a sham that would confuse public opinion."

Mickey Mouse goes gunning for the pirates


From Richard Hughes Hongkong

Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck are taking legal action through Walt Disney productions against nine Hongkong companies accused of copyright infringement by using them as trademarks for Hongkong products.

The Walt Disney Corporation is claiming damages for infringement or a share of the profits made by three watch manufacturing firms, two knitting factories, a shoe company, a store, an industrial company and a photographic supply firm.

Jennifer: "What was our sales budget for the calendar fiscal?"
 Apple: "12,364 units."
 Jennifer: "And ex-factory sales?"
 Apple: "14,960 up to the Audit. That's already 21% over target."
 Jennifer: "Hmmm. Not bad. What percentage of volume was the premium model?"

Apple: "51%. 27% over target."
 Jennifer: "That extra profit means we can invest in new equipment to increase productivity next year."
 Apple: "You mean I can have that new printer I've had my eye on?"
 Jennifer: "Let's talk about it."

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Convolutd penalty point law deplored

Regina v Kent (Peter)
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Leonard
When giving guidance on sentences involving penalty points for driving offences, introduced by section 19 of the Transport Act 1981, which came into force on November 1 last, the Lord Chief Justice expressed the Court of Appeal's sympathy with courts which had to grapple with the "convoluted legislation".

Endorsement was to be found in Schedule 4 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, the power to disqualify for repeated offences was in section 19 (2) of the Transport Act 1981, the power to endorse in section 101 of the 1972 Act, the power to impose penalty points in section 19(1) of the 1981 Act, and the number of points in Schedule 7 to the 1981 Act.
Driving while disqualified involved considering two statutes, four sections and three schedules, the driving uninsured involved two Acts, four sections and three schedules.

Further difficulties had arisen, on occasion, by understandable efforts of the court staff who had discovered mistakes.
Their Lordships wished to make three points clear.
First, the order of the court was that pronounced by the judge in open court.
Second, the responsibility of the court staff was to make a record which accurately reflected that pronouncement.

Third, if the court staff were in doubt as to the pronouncement, the judge had to be consulted - for example, where the staff were not clear what it was that the judge said, or where they thought that the judge's order might be faulty.
In the present case, the judge took the view that disqualification was mandatory, whereas the appellant's offences involved discretionary disqualification only, by virtue of section 33 and Schedule 4 to the 1972 Act. He was not liable in totting up.

His UK pension entitlement was governed by the Social Security Act 1975, which had replaced the National Insurance Act 1965.
Article 50 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 provided:
"Award of a supplement when the total of benefits payable under the legislations of the various member states does not amount to the minimum laid down by the legislation of the state in whose territory the recipient resides."

Weekly payments per year. Was that what was meant by "minimum payment"?
In March 1973, in anticipation of Mr Stanley's retirement, the insurance officer considered his case under the domestic legislation and made an award of pension to him. The EEC Regulation then did not apply to the UK.
On February 1, 1974, after the UK had become a member of the EEC, the officer determined Mr Stanley's case by reference to the Regulation, and made calculations of the benefit accordingly. In Eire, the same calculations were made.

Refusing consent for wrong reason
Westminster Renslade Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another
Before Mr Justice Forbes
Judgment delivered May 9
It was not legitimate for a planning authority or an appeal, the Secretary of State for the Environment, to refuse planning permission to an applicant on the ground that the proposed development offered no planning gain to the local authority.

Authority for prosecution not shown
Anderton v Frost and Another
Before Lord Justice Ackner and Mr Justice Glidewell
Judgment delivered May 11
Where proceedings which required specific authorisation by a chief constable were instituted by a divisional chief officer under a general authority given to him by the chief constable to lay information in his name, where such authority was challenged in these proceedings, and where it was not shown to have been specifically given in the particular case, then the proceedings were not properly issued.

Authority for prosecution not shown
Greater Manchester by way of case stated against a decision of the Storkport Justices dismissing informations preferred against Peter Henry Frost and Frank Hoyles Transport Ltd for offences of driving, and permitting the driving of a heavy goods vehicle without the appropriate driving licence, contrary to section 112 of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

Authority for prosecution not shown
The justices accordingly found that there was no case to answer and dismissed the informations. They found as a matter of fact that the chief constable himself had not laid the informations, but that they had been laid in his name by a divisional chief officer.

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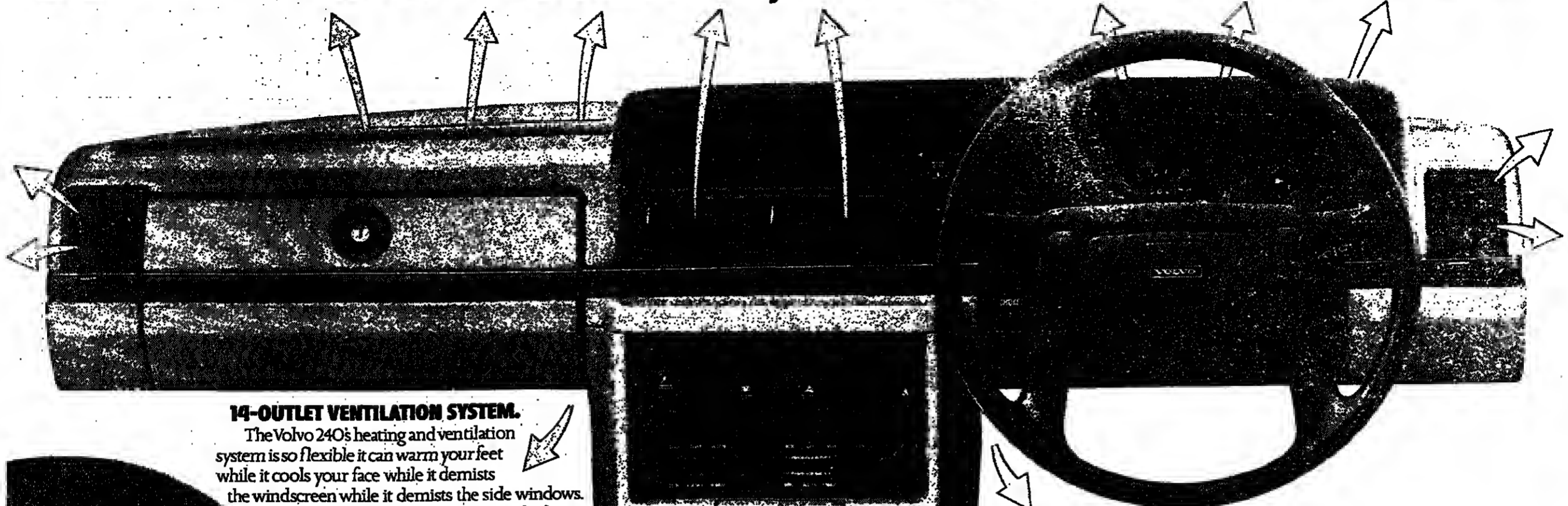
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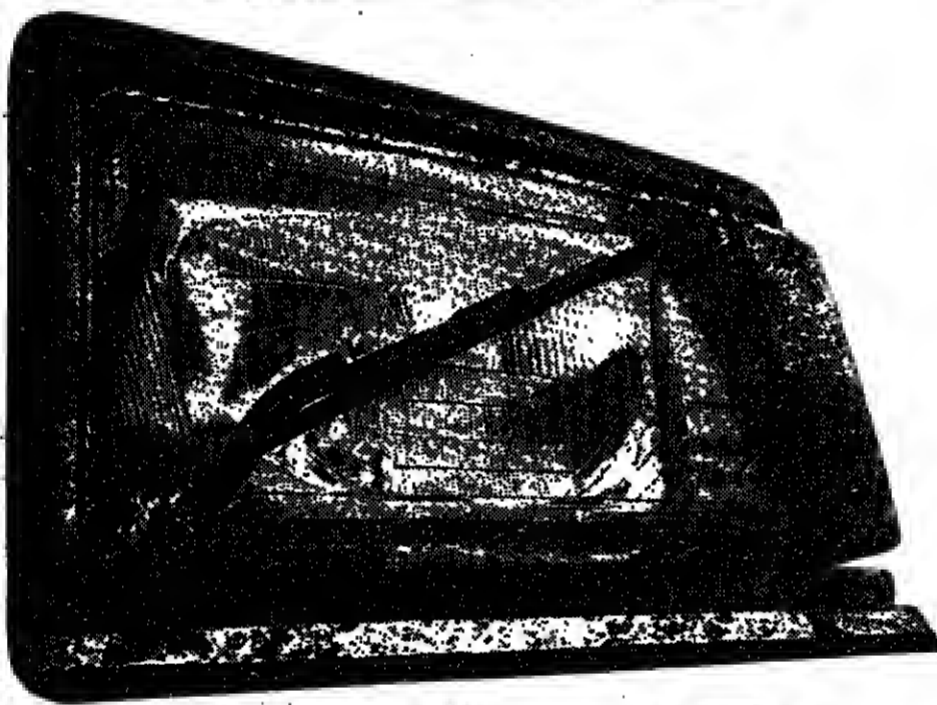
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Love is... £2.5m in the bank

Judith Krantz, bestseller, explains her escape capsules from a dull world to Penny Perrick

As the minibus full of journalists drove into the courtyard of Le Prieur hotel in Avignon, Judith and Steve Krantz were standing hand in hand under the horse-chestnut trees...

All three of these, Scruples, Princess Daisy and the latest, Mistral's Daughter, have reached the number one spot on the world's best seller list...

Although the admirer of Trollope, Balzac and Margaret Drabble, Mrs Krantz said over lunch that she was pretty certain that no book of hers would ever be nominated for a Pulitzer prize...

It is also a lot of money. Her advance for Princess Daisy was an estimated £2.5m, the highest ever paid for a novel...

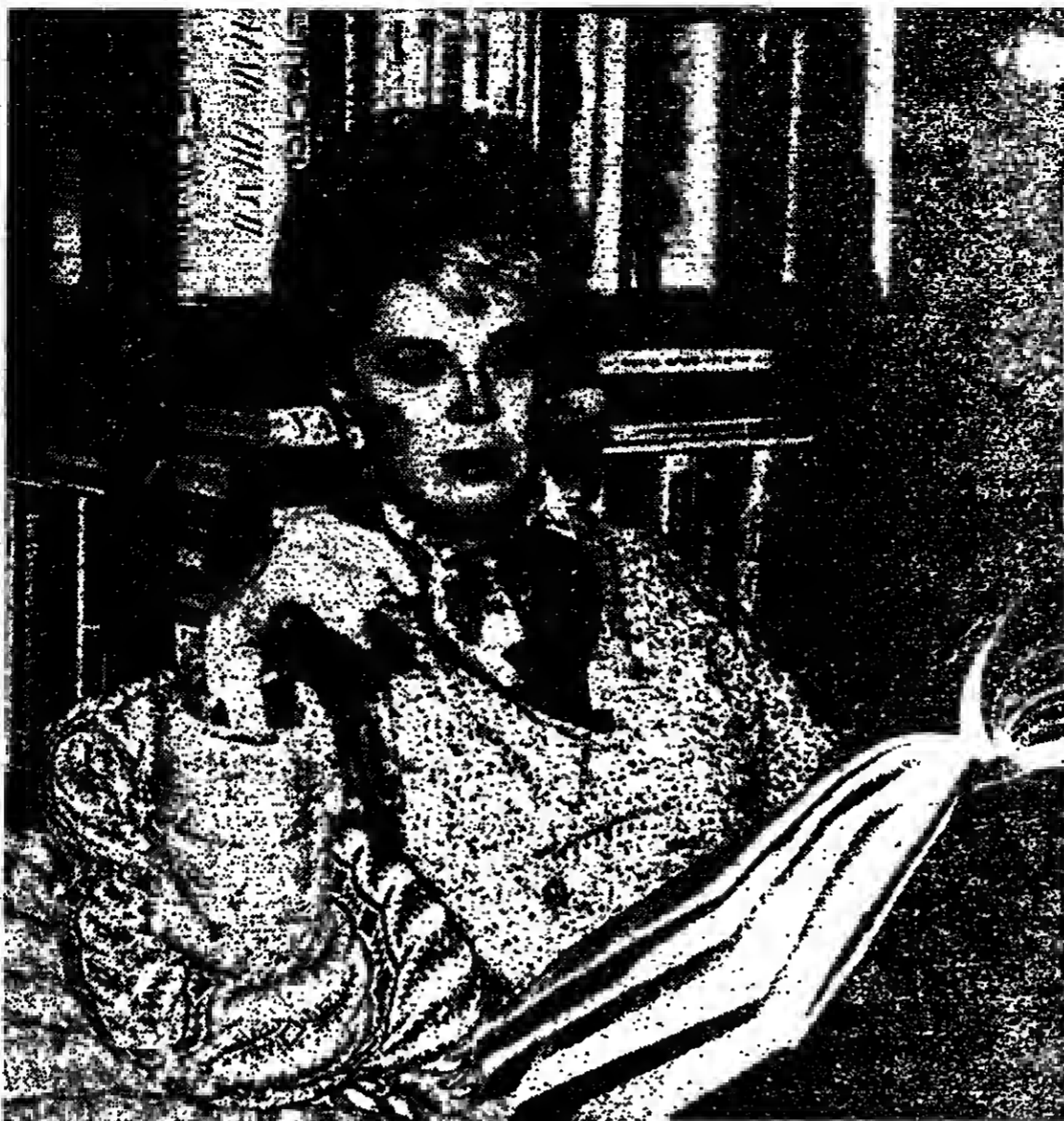
Letters from her readers are mostly thank-you notes. "They

nearly all say they were going through a bad period and reading my book was like swallowing a little escape capsule...

Her books also provide an escape for Mrs Krantz. Here she is, a small (five foot two inches) 56-year-old woman who goes to bed every night, blonde curls primly-pinned...

"Writing is hard work but it should be fun at the same time, not agony. Writing about tall women is a wonderful way of being tall, although I'm not sure that in real life they have such a good time...

Apart from the explosive sex scenes, there's a fair amount of eating and drinking, some of it taking place at Le Prieur, in the latest book. "That's because I was on one of those terrible salt-free, alcohol-free diets while I was writing it and I guess I was just hungry...



Judith Krantz: I'm not a literary writer - just a storyteller

my readers behind the scenes, showing them how a model is made ready for a photograph or how a commercial is put together...

Her books splutter with the names of the real-life glamorous - the Vicomtesse de Ribes, Lauren Huton, the '21' in New York, the Ritz in Paris...

The Krantzes have always lived in a world attached to the right labels. Steve Krantz is a film producer who set up his own company to produce

the sexy successful cartoon film, Fritz the Cat, while Judith was a respected freelance journalist...

subsequently elung to the rights of the last two books. Right now, Steve, as executive producer, is involved in discussions with the television company which will screen Mistral's Daughter...

"To be published by Sidgwick & Jackson Monday, price £8.95.

COMMENT



An Englishman's home is his castle, unless it is a building listed for historical or architectural interest.

We are used to seeing stately home owners selling pictures to pay for repairs to their crannies; it is less well known that the humble cottager might be required to pay out large sums of money he does not possess...

My cottage is at Littlebourne, near Canterbury, one of a pair believed to date from about 1567. It was a hopscotch in its day and the lease still prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor...

Last year, for financial reasons, I decided to sell and had a damp proof course and central heating put in and the cottage redecorated...

I called in a firm of specialists, who promptly hacked huge areas of plaster out of each newly-decorated room, bored holes into ceilings, lifted floorboards and gouged out plaster and brickwork...

When I rang to complain - saying I had specifically asked for the decorations not to be spoilt - the firm claimed that Canterbury council officers had "instructed"

them to strip the plaster in this fashion. A local builder called it "demolition and vandalism" and has sent an estimate for £2,037 to put right the damage...

Now that Canterbury council officials are aware of the dry rot, it can apparently force the owner to carry out whatever work it deems necessary, however much money it costs and however little the owner has...

Canterbury council is prepared to give me a grant of £2,880 towards the work, with another possible £1,440 Historic Buildings grant. This is hardly a great help with a bill of £11,000 and an existing bank loan to be repaid on previous work carried out...

I used to be proud of the historic monument listing, but that was before I knew the extent to which a local authority could intrude into one's home.

Diana Patt

Dying without dignity is a fear most people share. Theoretically it is possible for everyone to die in comfort and peace and the success of the hospice movement in this country testifies to that.

MEDICAL BRIEFING Arranging for death with dignity

But the majority of elderly people have no assurance that they will receive a high quality of care at the end of their lives. And their diminishing hopes have driven many people to join the Voluntary Euthanasia Society. A couple of weeks ago Mr Justice Woolf rejected a claim in the High Court that distribution of the society's booklet A Guide to Self-Deliverance, giving details of ways to commit suicide was an offence.

Dr George Robertson, consultant anaesthetist at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, suggests a third option for the elderly where fear and suicide have no place.

Patients could sign a statement expressing how they would like to be treated when they are dying. Dr Robertson has compiled a statement which begins: "It is my express wish that I, beyond the age of (say) 65 years I develop an acute or chronic cerebral illness which results in a substantial loss of dignity, and the opinions of two independent physicians indicate that my condition is unlikely to be reversible, any separate illness which may threaten my life should not be given active treatment."

The statement is wordy based on a "living will" which is common in America, but with one major and important difference. Living wills in some states are legally binding and doctors who have refused to comply with the directions have been subsequently sued.

Dr Robertson envisages that his type of statement would give doctors some insight into their patients' beliefs. If a doctor believes he should disregard the statement, there would be no legal repercussions. But the statement could re-establish hope for some people that they will die in dignity.

The British Medical Association's ethical committee has taken Dr Robertson's suggestion sufficiently seriously to discuss its implications, but decided to take it no further on the grounds that since it is possible for patients to die in a confident frame of mind, pain-free and well-counselled, the statement is irrelevant and unnecessary.

Donor boost Stories about kidney transplant always seem to be negative. A couple of years ago the number of potential donors dropped because people were

worried that doctors were not following strictly the brain-death criteria on patients on life support systems. More recently it has been suggested that compulsory wearing of seat belts has been so effective that it has reduced the number of car accident donors.

But in the renal transplant unit at Leeds, the outlook is not so gloomy for would-be kidney recipients. Mr Pierre Guillou, consultant in charge, cannot remember the last time a car-driver's kidneys were used in a transplant. Eighteen months ago one back seat passenger was killed after being flung forward in an accident and his kidneys were subsequently donated.

Most donors in the region have died after brain haemorrhages, with the occasional kidney coming from a motor-bike accident victim.

Vested interest Some ex-colonialists may swear by vitamin B tablets for keeping mosquitoes at bay, but Dr Graham White, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, is more sceptical. He says the evidence of the secretion of vitamin B in sweat acting as a mosquito-repellent is less than conclusive.

Dr White advocates using repellent chemicals on skin and clothes. One he recommends is marketed as Autum, which has the nickname DEET and another is permethrin. The School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine will, for between £5 and £8 make up a string vest steeped in DEET for anyone travelling to Africa or Asia.

It is important for travellers to prevent mosquito bites. The insects may be carrying malaria, and drug-resistant strains of plasmodium (the culprit causing malaria) are spreading west, both in Africa and south east Asia.

The number of people entering Britain with malaria is dropping. According to Dr Gill Lea, medical officer with British Airways, this is partly because British Asians travelling to the Indian sub-continent now realise that they must take pills either because they have lost their natural immunity or because the area they visit has only recently become a malaria risk zone.

Problems with drug-resistant strains have only emerged in the last couple of years and until

Medical Briefing Laser screened

BBC TV's recent That's Life exposé of Harley Street doctor Sir Datta highlighted the potential dangers of attending laser or cosmetic surgery clinics without being referred by a GP.

Dr Datta, who this week confessed in New York to heroin smuggling had, the team alleged, used a laser to remove a tattoo from a woman's arm, leaving her with a painful and disfiguring scar.

A spokesman for the British Medical Association this week reiterated a warning not to go to direct access clinics, made at last year's annual meeting. The association, which believes that such clinics should not be allowed to advertise directly to the general public and hence avoid the scrutiny of other doctors, is continuing to press for a change in the law.

Meanwhile it seems that television viewers have noted the programme's concern about lasers. A slump in business has prompted at least one other tattoo removal clinic to increase its PR activity.

After-care The controversial morning after pill, which was cleared by the Director of Public Prosecutions this week, is not something that women turn to regularly, at least when they are helped by well organized GPs or family planning clinics.

Hidden factor Britain's 4,500 haemophiliacs have been faced with the notion that the vital blood clotting factors they need could give them AIDS. They are, however, no strangers to the idea that their treatment carries risks. They have already learned to live with the idea that they will inevitably develop liver disease, although not always with full-blown symptoms - because the clotting factors are contaminated by viruses.

The problem is that each batch of factor is produced using blood from around 3,500 donors and the chances of at least one donor having viral hepatitis are unavoidably high. Attempts to pasteurize the proteins have not proved practical. To some extent the risks of one form - hepatitis B - have been brought under control. Donated blood can now be screened for this virus and according to Dr John Craske, consultant virologist to the South Manchester Regional Virus Laboratory, only one in 20 batches is affected. As a result, most haemophiliacs can now enjoy four or five hepatitis-free years, whereas previously they would go down with the disease almost at once.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser Olivia Timbs is editor of Medicoeconomics and Lorraine Fraser is science editor of General Practitioner

THE TIMES Tomorrow START THE WEEKEND WITH THE PAPER THAT INFORMS, STIMULATES, AMUSES AND PROVOKES. A fisherman's tale: Stewart Tendler casts an eye on fly fishing. Family Money: Interview with Gerard Vaughan, Consumer Affairs Minister; are you getting the right insurance for your home loans? Travel: Walt Disney's new fantasy world; and the other Tuscany. The Times Prize Crossword: Three copies of The Times Atlas of the World to be won. Richard Attenborough defends 'Gandhi'. Sport: The relegation battles. Plus All the news from home and abroad; the top gardening column; Summer wines; Values: The Duke of Edinburgh's awards for the best design; paperbacks of the month; critics' choice of what's happening in the arts



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 12: Mr R. F. X. Burns was received in audience by the Queen and kissed hands on his appointment as British High Commissioner to Ghana.

KENSINGTON PALACE May 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited the Monmouth School and the Monmouth School for Girls, in Gwent, and opened the new Buildings.

Luncheon British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce Sir John Mathew-Sanders, president of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce, was the speaker at a members' luncheon of the chamber at the Park Lane Hotel yesterday.

Instruction of Structural Engineers The annual dinner of the Institution of Structural Engineers was held at Grosvenor House yesterday.

Service reception 151 (GL) Tpt Regt RCOTV 151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport held their annual cocktail party yesterday at Regent's Park.

Association of Average Adjusters The annual dinner of the Association of Average Adjusters was held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday.

Dinners Chief Constables' Club The annual dinner of the Chief Constables' Club was held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel.

London School of Economics and Political Science Sir Huw Wheldon, chairman of the Court of Governors of the London School of Economics and Political Science, was host at a dinner held last night for honorary fellows of the school.

Service dinners Council of TAVR Associations The Council of Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations held a dinner last night at the Central Hotel, Chelsea, in honour of Colonel R. C. T. Stewright.

Marriage Dr M. Richards and Dr E. Evans The marriage took place on Saturday at St Bartholomew's, lower Sapey, between Dr Michael Richards, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Richards, of Portsmouth, South Bristol, and Dr Rosemary Evans, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Evans, of Harley House, Clifton-Terne, Worcestershire.

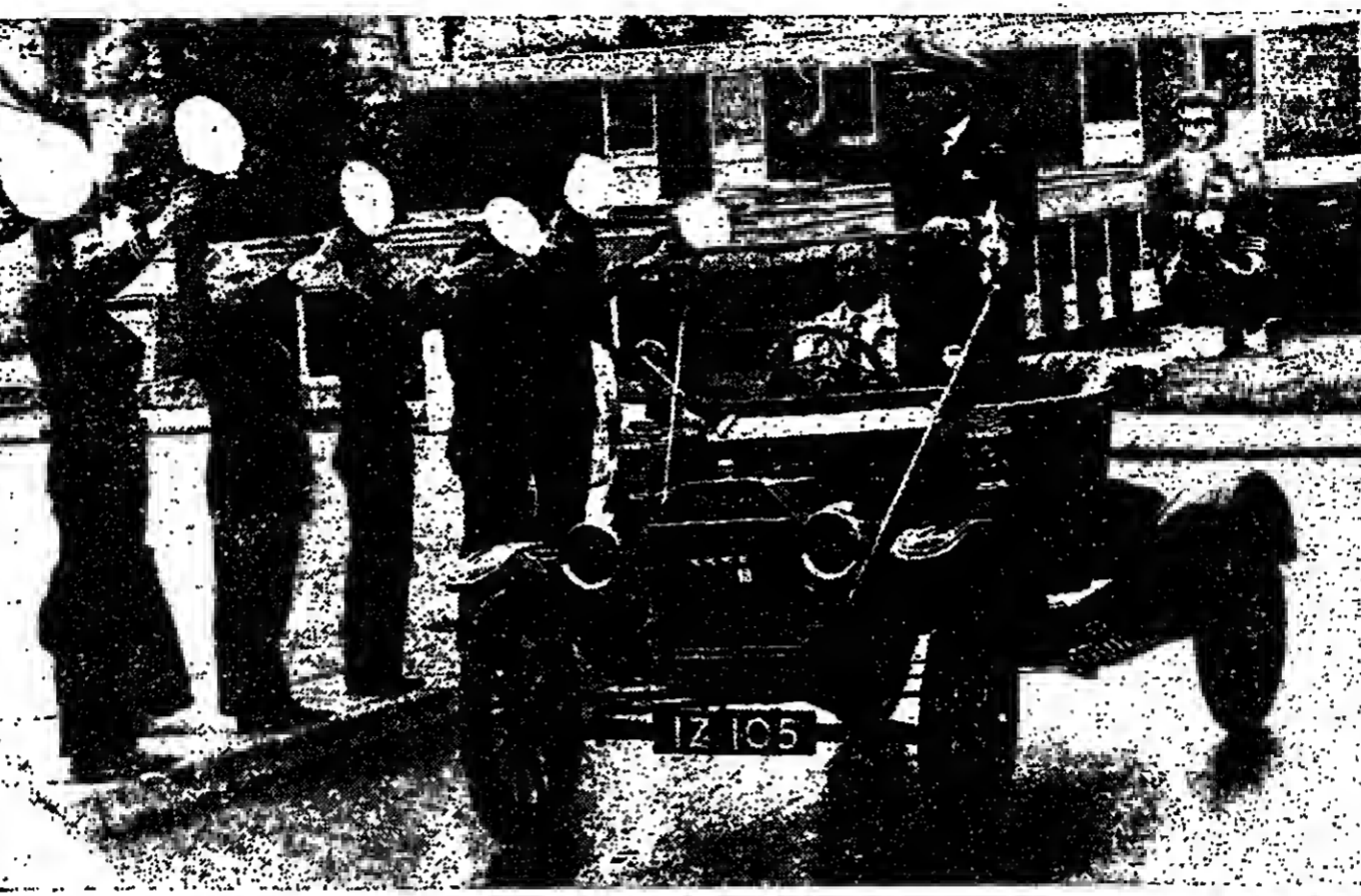
Antenatal services criticized Women would have happier pregnancies if the health service did more to encourage volunteers in antenatal services, the National Council for Voluntary Organizations said yesterday.

Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association The following have been elected officers of Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association for the ensuing year.

Dilemma facing Service chaplains

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Roman Catholic chaplains in the British Armed Forces are said to be watching developments in the Roman Catholic Church in the United States with some concern. The recent condemnation of nuclear "counter-population" strategy by the Roman Catholic bishops there would, if followed in Britain or adopted by the church as official policy, put priests in the British Armed Services in a difficult position.



On the road: Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Herbert waving goodbye to staff as he left the Royal Navy's Fleet Headquarters at Northwood in a Model T Ford. Sir Peter, who directed submarine operations in the Falklands conflict, is being promoted admiral and becomes Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff (Personnel and Logistics) Task Force. He was yesterday relieved as Flag Officer Submarines by Rear-Admiral Sir John (Sandy) Woodward, who was commander of the Falklands Task Force. (Photograph: John Voos).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. P. Doyle and Miss C. J. Hamford The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. P. Doyle, of Dublin, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. F. Hamford, of Abinger Hammer, Surrey.

Oxford move to simplify entry

Minor simplifications rather than wholesale reforms look likely to be the outcome of the committee of inquiry into Oxford University's entrance procedure. An interim report which has been circulated recently to all colleges admitting undergraduates shows that the committee, chaired by Sir Kenneth Dover, president of Corpus Christi College, has in effect ruled out sweeping changes.

University news

Oxford Elections SHREVE CHURCH schoolboys P 2 SHREVE CHURCH schoolboys P 2 SHREVE CHURCH schoolboys P 2 SHREVE CHURCH schoolboys P 2 SHREVE CHURCH schoolboys P 2

Sevenoaks School

The following scholarships have been awarded: 19-year-old scholar Robert Britton awarded by the University of London.

Latest wills

Viscount Charles, of Elmstead, Essex, left estate valued at £15,600 net. Mrs Edna Glew, of Lytham, Lancashire, left estate valued at £32,601 net.

Funeral

Sir John Gellium Scott The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by Bishop Ross Hook at Golden Reach, St John Gellium Scott in Chichester Cathedral on Wednesday.

Memorial service

Miss E. G. Bush A memorial service for Egid Golden Reach, Chairman of the Suffragette Fellowship and a Vice-President of the Women's Liberal Federation, was held at St John's Church, Smith Square, on May 11.

OBITUARY MR M. T. TUDSBERY

Influence as early BBC Civil Engineer

Mr Marmaduke Tudsbury, CBE, who was the BBC's Civil Engineer from 1927 to 1952, and who during those years was responsible for much of the design and construction of transmitting stations and studio premises, died on May 9 at the age of 90. Perhaps his most lasting achievement was his work on Broadcasting House in London. Tudsbury was responsible for finding the site and recommending its purchase to the BBC. He was then closely associated with the architect in the design of the building with the aim of ensuring that the complex requirements of a broadcasting headquarters were met.

MRS ELLI VAN WIJK-VOSKUIL

Mrs Elli van Wijk-Voskuil, who died after a long illness on May 6 in Amsterdam at the age of 63, was probably more familiar as Elli Vossen to millions of readers all over the world of Anne Frank's Diary of a Young Girl. She was one of the four employees of Anne's father, Otto Frank, who for more than two years from July, 1942, to August, 1944, helped keep Anne, her parents, her sister Margot and four others alive when they went into hiding at the back of a house on the Prinsengracht, one of Amsterdam's best-known canals. They were attempting to escape Nazi deportation.

DR R. K. FREUDENBERG

D. B. writes: Dr Rudolf Karl Freudenberg, one of the group of German émigré psychiatrists who influenced the growth of British psychiatry, died at his home in Reigate on April 18. He was 74. The son of an industrialist he studied medicine and qualified at Freiburg University in 1934. He left Hitler's Germany in that year for Vienna where, as assistant to Professor Sakel in the University Neurobiological Institute, he became interested in the physiology of insulin coma. As a result of this interest he was invited in 1936 to join the staff of Moorcroft House, a private psychiatric hospital, there to develop the insulin coma treatment of schizophrenia. The use of such physical treatments in psychiatry heralded a period of active change in mental hospitals and with the establishment of the National Health Service in 1947, Freudenberg joined the staff of Netherne Hospital and was appointed Physician Superintendent in 1951. There he appreciated earlier than most psychiatrists the importance of social and psychological influences on the manifestations and course not only of schizophrenia, but of other mental disorders. He presented his studies of the relative value of physical and social treatments to the Second World Congress of Psychiatry in 1957. In practice he reorganised the running of Netherne Hospital in line with his views, and freed both patients and staff from many senseless routines and restrictions. Even before the 1959 Mental Health Act he played an important, but unrecognised, part in the introduction of the status of the informal patient. The significance and influence of the changes at Netherne Hospital on the mental state and condition of patients with schizophrenia has been documented in critical evaluations reported by the staff of the M.R.C. Social Psychiatry Research Unit. In 1961 Freudenberg joined the then Ministry of Health as Senior Principal Medical Officer and head of the medical Mental Health section for four years. He took an active part in the development of post-graduate medical training and after his retirement served as member of an expert committee of the Council of Europe on the organisation of preventive services in mental health. Dr Freudenberg was a modest man who doled his warm and humorous sympathy with shy formality and thus often distanced himself from the credit which he deserved.

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THE ARTS

Cinema: Geoff Brown in London and David Robinson (below) in Cannes
Magical scrutiny of European history

- Confidence (15) Gate Notting Hill
Passion (18) Camden Plaza
Handgun (18) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue
Bad Boys (18) Classics Haymarket, Oxford Street

Friday the 13th Part III (18) Plaza 2

What a topsy-turvy world: Istvan Szabo's spellbinding Confidence takes three years to reach a public cinema in Britain...

member), is hidden away with an experienced, hard-bitten fugitive, Janos. The two pose as man and wife, though emotional and social contacts are shrouded in dark, pervading suspicions...



Janos (Peter Andorai) tests the resolution of Kata (Ildiko Bansaigh) in Confidence

- rub against each other in wintry Swiss settings without ever forming a coherent plot-line. The characters' faces, at least, are encouragingly familiar: they are played, respectively, by Isabelle Huppert, Michel Piccoli, Hanna Schygulla and Jerry Radz-wilowicz (from Waaj's Man of Marble and Man of Iron)...

sound - car engines, car hooters. Godard's declared objective was to make a "democratic" film, with no hierarchy of elements; the rough thus finds equal space with the smooth. For the spectator wriggling with irritation the temptation might be to moan, in consort with the harassed fictional producer, "I want a story!"

from both his leads (Karen Young as an innocent schoolteacher and Clayton Day as the gun-loving male who rapes her). Yet all these virtues are squandered on a plot that steadily trades its crusading spirit for the conventional fantasies of the vigilante thriller.

In all its turbulent history the Cannes Festival has never appeared as bizarre as this year. The Fr. 600m. new Palais seemed all right on the night, but thereafter degenerated into shambles, with projection equipment that never went right, temperamental elevators and unfathomable masses of space...

On the fifth day of the festival Cannes was invaded by protesting medical students from all over France, who clearly saw the publicity value of the event. They lit a great bonfire in the port, and the column of black smoke raised a joyous cry the length of the Croisette...

Before the riot police moved in, the festival had managed to screen two of its major showpieces, Nagisa Oshima's Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence and Ermanno Olmi's Cominacina. Oshima's film is a strange mixture of talents. Directed by the maker of Empire of the Senses, it is adapted from a novel, The Seed and the Sower, by Laurens van der Post...

The story is set in a Japanese POW camp in Indonesia in 1942, but Oshima says that he was influenced more by Jean Renoir's La Grande Illusion than by Bridge on the River Kwai. The conflict is between the codes and character - in their different ways as brutally inflexible - of Japanese and British, with the added human complication that the young Japanese commandant conceives a powerful sexual attraction to the English officer played by David Bowie.

are problems with both structure and casting (the Australian actor Jack Thompson is not believable as an English hump) that blur the British side of things; but Oshima's humanism and narrative skills surmount most of the handicaps. Beneath the surface kindness and humour of Cominacina may be sensed a growing disillusion in the maker of The Tree of the Wooden Clogs. The film begins with peasants preparing a mystery play; then the play becomes the real thing, the pilgrimage after the Star of Bethlehem...

Bournemouth SO/Segal Festival Hall

When Hans von Bulow heard Mahler play through the first movement of his Second Symphony on the piano, he is supposed to have gone into a state of nervous shock and exclaimed that it made Wagner's Tristan sound like a Haydn symphony...

Concert

nicketa and a choral group - presumably the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus, although they were not credited in the programme. And while there was much to admire in the account, above all the warmth and commitment of the choral singing and the firm, solid direction of Uri Segal...

Television

Elephantine aspirations

Alexander Korda's ambition was to outdo Hollywood. Having made half a million pounds and a star out of Charles Laughton for £60,000 with Henry VIII in 1933, he set out to do it in 65 acres at Denham. Prudential Life Assurance had a non-starting role as backers. Korda strung his studios along the River Colne, requiring technicians to rush around on bicycles, but a sufficient energy remained to crown his early efforts...

Concert

Alfreda Hodgson was serene and simple in the contralto solos, while the soprano, Sheila Armstrong, emerged only briefly with notes that scarcely bad the required luminosity. In the final pages, Mahler's spirit was caught in spite of some acid wind chording, but we were left with a feeling of noble aspiration rather than attainment.

Concert

Employees enthusiastically followed their leader. When they struck once, demurring at the employment of a non-union plasterer, Korda strode down to tell them it was back now or never. It was now.

Advertisement for Donmar Warehouse Theatre listing various plays like 'Rich Comedy...', 'A Dance of Defiance', and 'STEVEN BERKOFF'S west'.

Advertisement for Anne Evans, WNO's chosen Brunnhilde, with details about her performance at the Festival Hall and a search for truth.

Advertisement for London Festival Ballet featuring a photo of a ballerina and text about their performances at the London Coliseum.

Advertisement for Spent Easter in Paris, featuring a collage of Parisian scenes and listing various cultural events and publications.

Theatre
The power to shock

A Patriot for Me Chichester
'It's knowing the value of other men. And cherishing it.' An appreciative comment on army standards from the commandant of the 7th Galician Infantry Regiment, circa 1890. If he saw what we see presently - his officers dressed as medieval ladies or Lord Nelson, dancing with and renting cafe waiters in the guise of shepherdesses...

Wintry poetry

Other Worlds Royal Court
Listeners to Desert Island Discs will recently have picked up the story of a monkey, the sole survivor of a Napoleonic shipwreck, washed up on the English coast where the inhabitants promptly hanged it, mistaking it for a Frenchman.

Concert

Dour is an overworked label for Yorkshire manners, but it applies irresistibly to Mr Holman's stoical granite-faced characters. His style is thoroughly consistent, and sometimes it rises to a vein of wintry poetry - as in the scene where the bereaved Emma (Juliet Stevenson) meets a benevolent fairground conjurer (Peter O'Farrell) whom she mistakes for a bogart.

Concert

Dennis Hackett
'What if I can't act?' I asked. 'Don't worry, dear,' came back the reply, 'you'll find your way around'.

MARKET REPORT by Andrew Cornelius

Broker backs motors

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, May 8. Dealings end, May 20. Contango Day, May 23. Settlement Day, May 31.

push down the shares by 4p to 366p yesterday.

Trading in the rest of the market was dull with the FT index largely unmoved early on, but later falling four points to close at 668.6.

Swedish multinational Alfa-Laval raised £23m yesterday by placing 800,000 shares with City institutions. The shares were placed at 341 (£29), per share but carry a bonus issue at the end of this month which values the shares at 345 (£38.80). The shares were trading at 349 (£40) in Stockholm yesterday.

Also largely unmoved in the day after closing a quarter at first. The FT index closed at 81.04 down 0.09.

Most of the activity came from company statements and bid news. Scottish Television gave a warning to shareholders that this year will be demanding

contrast, Linford rose by 20p to 266p, boosted by a strong profits and dividend forecast to accompany its rival bid for the Key Markets stores.

A bid approach for Transparent Paper saw the shares rise by 18p to 53p, although the company has no immediate plans to make an announcement. Similarly, speculation continued to surround the intentions of a large Turkish owned shareholding in Belgrave (Blackheath), the forging and machining company whose shares were again busy, rising 22p to 122p.

Heavy buying of shares in Management Agency and Music, the show business and leisure group, was reported yesterday ahead of interim figures due next week. The shares were up by 7p to 121 on the day.

Among the leaders Glaxo Holdings continued its recent heavy fall coming down by 70p to 79.5p. ICI was down by 4p at 44.4p and Tate & Lyle down 18p at 32.2p.

Camrex, the paints company, made the running in the building sector with its shares gaining 10p to 66p after a £6.1m bid from Ruberoid, which was 5p niff at 260p.

Stockbroker firm Savory Mills selects motor stocks in the pre-election market as being the best investment bet within the engineering industry in a circular which goes to clients today. The brokers are recommending as buys: AE, at 33p, BBA Group, at 37p, British Car Auctions at 183p, and Lex Service, which yesterday refuted that first quarter pretax profits are running more than 50 per cent higher than for the same period last year. Lex shares were up by 13p to 288p on the news.

Mechanical engineering stocks are mostly fully-valued, Savory says, unless the Labour Party wins the election. In that event the short-term outlook will brighten considerably as companies benefit from orders to supply equipment for the capital projects proposed by the Labour leaders.

Elsewhere, Savory suggest that Bestobell shares are a sell, as the market discounts the possibility of a bid by BTR which holds 24 per cent of the company's equity. Grim news on present trading from the Bestobell board at the company's annual meeting helped to

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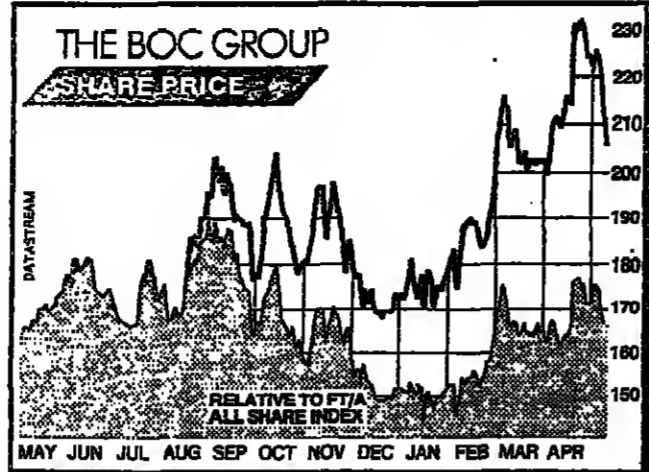
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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • edited by Sandy McLachlan

Gilts hold well on Tory election hopes

An imminent general election might reasonably be expected to unsettle the gilt market...



Losses in welding crept up to £8m during the half year... That is also when the £95m worth of extra shares...

his private textile and property dealing companies, coupled with £13,000 of losses from discontinued activities...

Amaz

Sharp changes of fortune are natural to mining companies, dependent as they are on commodity price cycles...

SEC faces inquiry on Ashland Oil

Washington (NYT) - The Securities and Exchange Commission, under Congressional criticism...

Hawtin

The results from Hawtin, a small manufacturing group, suggest that the recovery may not be as patchy...

Lloyds and Scottish rallies

Lloyds and Scottish, the finance house controlled by Royal Bank and in which Lloyds Bank...

Sharp fall at Bank of Ireland

The Bank of Ireland reported a sharp drop in full-year profits from £652.6m to £548.9m...

Hotels and canned beer lift Vaux

Vaux Breweries Half-year to 19.3.83 Pretax profit £4.2m (£3.5m) Turnover £48.4m (£42.2m)...

Hartons Group

Year 1982 Pretax profit £27,000 (£37,000) Stated earnings 0.71p (0.16p)...

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF table containing various company financial results.

Table with multiple columns showing various market data, possibly indices or commodity prices.

SKF

Interim statement

SKF Group sales for the first three months of 1983 rose to 4,045 million Swedish kronor (Sk)...

Table with columns for Mkr, % 1983, % 1982, % 1981, % 1980, % 1979, % 1978, % 1977, % 1976, % 1975.

Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and financial institutions.

COMMODITIES

Table with multiple columns showing commodity prices for various goods like copper, rubber, and oil.

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BARLOW HOLDINGS PLC RESULTS FOR 1982

Table showing financial results for Barlow Holdings PLC for 1982 and 1981.

Table with columns for 1982, 1981, 1980, 1979, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974, 1973, 1972, 1971, 1970.

APPOINTMENTS

Keey to head Minet Brokers

The chairman of a proposed company, Minet Insurance Brokers, will be Mr C. W. Keey...

Professor Michael S. Scott Morton has been appointed a non-executive board member of CL from June 7.

Mr Clive F. Williams has become managing director of Alexander & Alexander, the new UK broking operation...

Mr D. Meisnerzhagen has been re-elected chairman and Mr M. H. McArdine and Sir John Cuckney have been re-elected deputy chairmen of Royal Insurance.

Mr Graham Leake has been appointed managing director of the engineering division of Valor.

Mr Luke Meisnerzhagen has been made a director and deputy chairman of Moorgate Investment Trust.

Mr David Alderson has been appointed manager at National Westminster Bank's Hongkong branch.

Mr David Jule has become deputy treasurer of National Westminster Bank's domestic banking division.

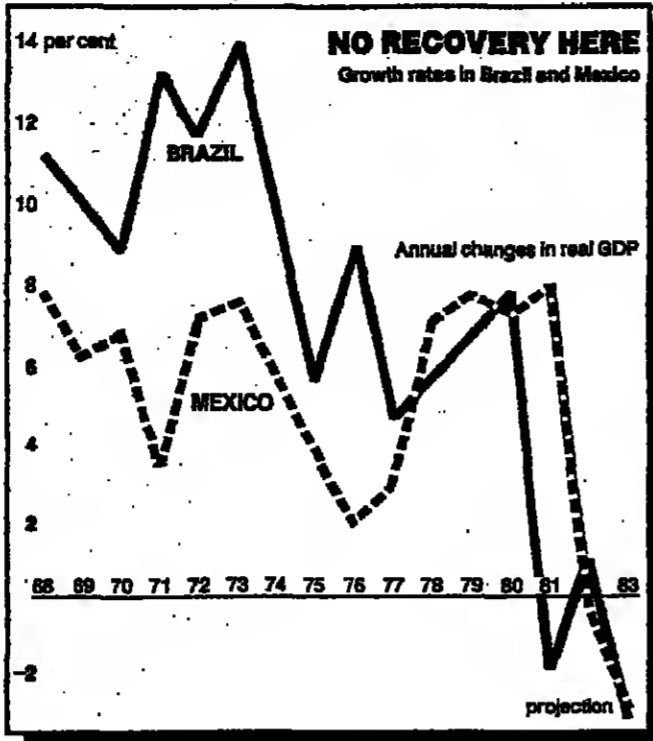
Mr David Hilder becomes service director at British Gas headquarters from June 1.

Mr David Annat has been appointed marketing director of Henry Wigfall & Son.

Mr Thomas Cole, previously marketing director, now assumes the position of commercial director.

Caroline Atkinson examines two countries' attempts to avoid financial collapse

Mexico and Brazil at precipice



Bankers and international officials are watching anxiously to see if Mexico and Brazil, the world's two biggest borrowers, can make it through the year without tipping into default.

Most experts believe that the two countries will avoid financial collapse. But their attempts to do so are already leaving a drastic effect at home as they cut imports, try to raise exports and squeeze their domestic economies.

As these and other developing countries are pushed by the debt crisis into strict austerity programmes at home, the rest of the world is likely to feel some of the effects.

White House officials estimate that a reduction in sales to the Third World, as a result of the debt crisis, could cut US growth by 1 percentage point this year.

The extra unemployment that this will cause is an unwelcome problem for administration officials. But it pales beside the cost for the borrowing countries themselves of trying to restore their financial respectability.

employment has plunged by more than 20 per cent since its peak at the end of 1980.

There are no good figures for Mexican unemployment, but declining output last year and a deeper drop expected this year.

unwilling government of Seis José López Portillo to give up its dream of rapid growth and development.

Government spending continued to climb for a while last year after the collapse of the private economy.

The IMF asked for a near halving of the budget deficit in relation to gross domestic product this year - from 16.5 per cent in 1982 to 8.5 per cent and for a further reduction in 1984.

On the bright side, the IMF has told commercial bankers that Mexico is making good progress in meeting its policy targets.

success, particularly in turning the trade deficit into a small surplus last year, is simply a mirror of how weak the economy is.

The new government of Señal Miguel de la Madrid which took office in December says that it is determined to hold to the IMF-agreed programme.

Private consumption has held up surprisingly well, but as the recession continues, and government subsidies are lifted on a wide range of products, from tortillas to petrol, this is unlikely to last.

Mexican officials want the Americans to make it easier for them to sell their exports in the US. But although US officials are constantly aware that hard times across the border are likely to swell the numbers of unwanted illegal immigrants into the US, they are also more sensitive to the demands of their own workers for protection.

The IMF predicted after the meetings that the Mexican economy would continue to decline for some months this year, although he held out the hope that the US recovery now underway could feed through to Mexico by the end of the year.

The pattern of the Brazilian recession is similar to that in Mexico, with investment down sharply but consumption not yet too depressed.

Recession in both countries seems certain to continue

The money seems to have been better spent than the foreign cash that went into Mexico, and Brazil's long-term prospects as an industrializing and exporting country look better than Mexico's.

Neither Brazil nor Mexico appears on the verge of revolution - one left-wing economist in Rio said that the unemployed are no danger to the Government because they have no power.

But the depth of the recession in both countries is unprecedented for the post-war period.

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Jonathan Davis

Industrial notebook

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Authorized Units & Insurance Funds table with multiple columns for fund names, shares, and prices.

FOOTBALL

Ferguson's clan show world the Real McCoy

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Alfredo di Stefano, the incomparable leader of an incomparable Real Madrid in the faded fifties, steered his men to the Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg on a rain-ravaged Wednesday night in an arena whose rigging curves with the grace of a mighty ocean wave...

Just the ticket Stein and Moss wait England in tough group

England's supporters were given a chance yesterday to buy tickets for next month's biennial Wembley battle against Scotland. But Scottish followers thinking of applying for the FA's ticket leftovers need not bother...

Foster takes the FA to court

DAVID MILLER

You begin to understand the strange, quasi-religious overtones of motor racing when, immediately after yesterday's first round of timed practice for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix, the widow of Gilles Villeneuve, killed a year ago in practice at Zolder, is to be seen giving a trackside interview...

Wales keep England

Mike England, the Wales manager, has accepted a new three-year contract. The Welsh Council agreed to retain England and give him the chance of taking the principality to the 1986 World Cup finals.

Prost and Arnoux lead the turbo-charge in Monaco Driving force of mortal gods



Monte Carlo banker? Prost of France, takes the lead in yesterday's practice

The proximity of ostentatious wealth and mesmerizing danger is almost obscene. While the cars hurtle up the hill towards the casino as fast as a jet at take-off, then whir down the hill to the entrance to the tunnel, howl through the chicane and round the harbour rim to the 360-degree bends of the Rascasse corner...

Leamington protest against grounds for refusal

AP Leamington have appealed against the Alliance Premier League's decision to refuse their application for membership. Leamington were the Southern League champions last year.

IN BRIEF

John Layton, the former Hereford United defender, is the new player manager of Trobridge Town. Layton, aged 31, who has had managerial experience with Gloucester City and Trobridge.

Tennis Taroczy is smarter than Lendl

Ivan Lendl, who had been seeded to win the men's singles in the German championships, was beaten 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 by Balazs Taroczy here yesterday. When Taroczy was 4-3 up to the second set, the match was interrupted by rain for four hours and 10 minutes.

No bout for Graham

The South African promoter Herman Snyman said that proposals for a bout in Durban between the British and Commonwealth light-middleweight champion, Herold Graham, of the United Kingdom, and Puerto Rico had fallen through.

Cricket Roebuck's relish cut short

WORCESTER: Somerset, with a first-innings wicket in hand, are 24 runs behind Gloucestershire. The 100 minutes of a New Row yesterday before rain finally led to play being called off at six o'clock. It had rained during the night and had left the pitch and outfield impenetrable.

Pace setters

Twelve young men who are hoping to solve England's fast bowling problems will be receiving coaching from the former England fast bowler Alf Gover, under the eye of the Test selector Alec Bedder, on May 25.

Games fall mainly to rain

Cricket again came out a poor second best in its battle with the May rains yesterday. Although the weather fell short of its previous best performance of the season, when the entire first-class program was cancelled for two days...

Bates raises the computer's pulse

Jeremy Bates, the 20-year-old England number seven, is likely to improve that ranking after reaching the semi-final of the Pernod tournament with his third good win at Lez-ou-Soleil yesterday. His 6-2, 6-3 win against the Australian Syd Ball followed his victories against John Fraser, Britain's number six, and Andrew Jarrett, Britain's number two, and that made it Bates' finest performance in an international computer points tournament.

Fast round by Mrs Russell

The only event which took place at the Royal Windsor Horse Show was the Trident Driving Grand Prix Marathon for teams and pairs of ponies. Eight pairs of ponies and 10 teams competed in yesterday's marathon section. The pairs competition was won by Mrs Gay Russell, who was lying second overnight after the presentations and dressage. She went at a steady pace round the course with her pair of chestnut Welsh ponies, to finish eight points ahead of her nearest rival.

Kapil Dev retained

Delhi: (Reuters)-India have retained Kapil Dev as captain for the Prudential World Cup next month. The selectors, who took only minutes to make the appointment, will announce the rest of the party today.

Match abandoned

PERSONAL COLUMNS

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM. Births: ALEXANDER, Andrew James...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. JOINT CAMPAIGN AGAINST CANCER. Give to the Cancer Research Campaign...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. STERLING TRAVEL. ALGERIA, CANADA, USA, SAUDI ARABIA...

MAY HOLIDAY BARGAINS. CRUISE/CRUISE. CRUISE/CRUISE. CRUISE/CRUISE...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. JAPANESE WOODBLOCK PRINTS. DINNER SUITE. DINNER SUITE...

FLAT SHARING. B. KINGS. Small studio flat, share house with 2 others...

PREQUALIFICATION TO TENDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE. Ministry of Public Works and Housing...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. WEDDINGS. On 11th May 1983, at St. Paul's Church...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. Greek Islands of CORFU, SPETSES & POROS. This Weekend £129 pp...

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OVERSEAS PROPERTY. SWITZERLAND. Montreux, Chateau, Villa, 422 acres, 1000 ft. view...

Review of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978. The Rt Hon Sir George Baker OBE has accepted the invitation of the Secretary of State...

DEATHS. BROWN. On May 11th at the Funeral Home, 111, St. Paul's Church...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. TIMSWAY IS YOUR WAY TO GREECE. SPECIAL OFFERS. For holidays inclusive of return airfare...

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LEGAL NOTICES. In the Matter of GAV NETS Limited and in the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1948...

MARRIAGES. MORTON - LEVIN. On April 24 in Pinner, Middlesex, the marriage of David Morton and Susan Levin...

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ENTERTAINMENTS. OPERA & BALLET. ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. 19th May 1983...

DEATHS. HAMILTON-SMITH. On 12 May, peacefully in nursing home, 11, Col. Robert Hamilton...

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DEATHS. NORTH. On May 11, 1983, at St. Paul's Church, London, the marriage of David North and Susan Levin...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. LOW COST FLIGHTS. NAIROBI, HARARE, JOHANNESBURG, CAIRO, ADDIS ABABA, SEYDIYA, TOKYO, CANADA, SOUTH AMERICA, USA & AUSTRALIA...

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DEATHS. VAUGHAN. On May 10, 1983, peacefully in his 82nd year, at St. Paul's Church, London, the marriage of David Vaughan and Susan Levin...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. GERONA 199. Day flights from Ostia. July 14-21, 1983. August 11-18. Phone 01-480 0110...

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E Berlin arrest of Petra Kelly

From Michael Binyon Berlin

Fran Kelly and three other leading members of the Green Party were arrested in East Berlin yesterday, after staging a demonstration in the main square and holding up banners calling for disarmament in East and West.

They were sent back to West Berlin after being held for five hours. Their arrest was quickly condemned by the Greens and the Social Democrats.

About three minutes after Fran Kelly, General Gert Bastian, Herr Roland Vogt and Frau Gaby Gotthardt unfurled banners in Alexanderplatz at midday, which said "start oow - disarmament in East and West" - and "Swords into Ploughshares". They were seized by security police and taken away from questioning.



By Ronald Faxn
The Keswick brothers Richard and Adrian Crane are back in full stride in their attempt to run 2,500 miles across the Himalayas. Clearly recovered from their bout of "intestinal infection", as the brothers delicately put it, last reports have them crossing the Thorung La pass (above) 18,000ft north of the Annapurna massif.

A letter dated April 20 reported a struggle through a snowstorm to cross the pass and avoid six days of footslog around the base of the Annapurna range. At Manay, the last village before the pass, the brothers invested in spare socks and emergency rations of biscuits and chocolate.

Running for charity on roof of the world

They jogged up the pass in bitter cold and approaching darkness, carefully inspecting every boulder as a potential bivouac site but at last light a "low hut" serving tea and hot potatoes appeared. "Our bed that night was covered in ice frozen from the day's thaw of rooftop snow that had dripped through. We dozed fitfully in the cold until dawn filtered through the ill-fitting door," the letter said.

The following day was perfect. Before dawn their running shoes crunched on the frozen snow, the wind was freezing - until the sun rose - to add its lash to any exposed skin. Adrian Crane wrote: "The snowscape of giant mountains is crystal clear as we climb. After so many slopes, so many breathless stops, a new world suddenly unfolds ahead. The top of Thorung La is reached."

Warmer temperatures bring their own problems to Himalayan runners in the form of foot-deep snow demanding more effort: aching legs and lungs gasping at the thin air. "Our feet became soaked and we had to keep running to ward away frostbite," Richard Crane reported. Having conquered the Thorung La the brothers expect to tackle what they describe as the "wild west" of Nepal which they describe as poorly known, little understood, and difficult of access. A general shortage of food in the region means they will have to carry all their own supplies - difficult for an expedition which relies on speed and light weight.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Touching farewell to an Arminian Methodist

And so to the one remaining full day of the House which was elected in May, 1979. Members paid deserved tribute to the Speaker, for whom the general election brings retirement. In a similarly traditional and sentimental scene at Prime Minister's questions, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Foot buried abuse at one another for the last time in this Parliament.

There was Mr Douglas Jay, for example. He is now remembered principally as the father of the Battle of Britain hero who crashed so tragically while on a mission to explain. But he was once a pillar of the Bureaucratic Respectable period of Labour Party history, the period of Aitken, Gaiskill and Early Wilson - pre-Livingstone, pre-1979.

There was a time when he commanded fleets of civil servants fanning out in battle formation from the Board of Trade. But oow he was content silently to sit, on this last day, alongside Mr James Callaghan: the last Bureaucratic Respectable Labour Prime Minister, perhaps the last Labour Prime Minister of any kind.

Alliance aims to cut jobs by 1m

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and the United States, the attitude of our Nato partners in Europe, and whether arrangements for a double safety catch system have been agreed," the manifesto says.

Pep talk for Tory MPs

Mrs Thatcher sent her MPs off on the general election campaign trail last night with a warning against complacency and told them to expect a "scare act" from the Labour Party, Philip Webster writes.

Weather forecast

A depression will be slow-moving to the W of Ireland.
6 am to midnight
London, SE, central S, E, SW England, SE, central S, E, SW England, SE, central S, E, SW England...

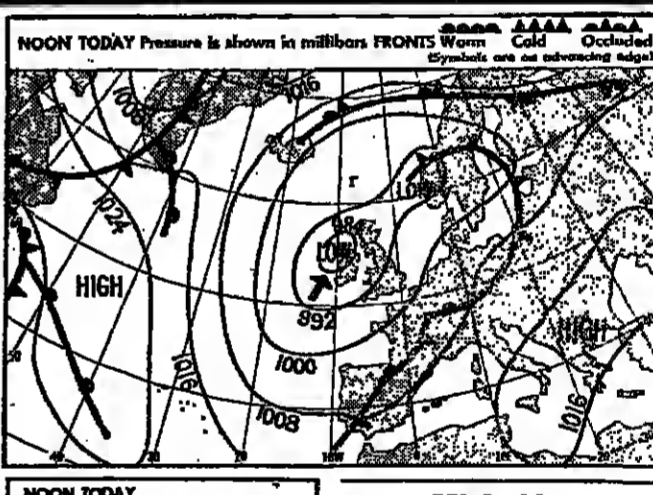


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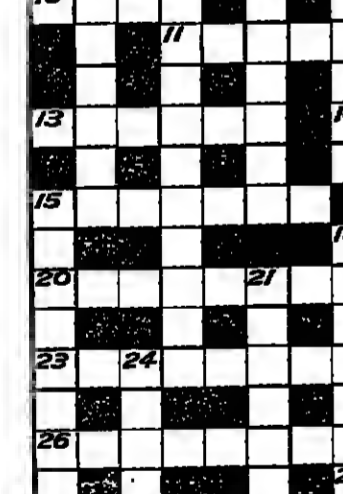
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Today's events

Royal engagements
The Princess of Wales visits Gloucestershire Adventure Play-ground for the Handicapped, Seveo Springs, Cheltenham, 10.55; visits Paradise House, training college for young people in need of special care, Paiswick, Stroud, 11.45.

New exhibitions
Floods of Light: Flash Photographs

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,128



- ACROSS
1 Bill's returned article suffered from some criticism? (8)
9 Love to get into a gentle sort of stretch (8)
10 Mean support for a singer, say? (4)
11 Creamer once born unusually outside in The Bull (12)
13 Express opposition to one's aim (6)
14 Relating to land management in Indian city before rain damage (8)
15 That bird in the straw hat? (7)
16 A pint of beer we hear was Queeco Anne's favourite? (7)
20 Na glue is causing damage of wood (3)
22 Pupil gets sound return for injury (6)
23 Like one taking a left-hand bend? (12)
25 Form of observance is said to be in order (4)
26 He pursues a French fool in this strip (8)
27 A kind of English flag (8)

Work

Work by Roy Abell, KBSA Galleries, 69a New Street, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 11.30 to 6, closed Sun; (ends tomorrow).
Work by Gordon Baldwin, Temple Newsam House, Leeds; Tues to Sat 1.30 to 5.30; (ends on Sunday).
Miners of Warwickshire. The Nave, Coventry Cathedral; daily 8.30 to 7.30 except during services; (ends on Sunday).

Books and Folios

Books and Folios: Screenprints by Derrick Greaves, Robert Medley and Edward Middleton. Turnpike Gallery, Market Street, Leigh, Greater Manchester; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Wed 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 3.30, closed Sun; (ends tomorrow).

MUSIC

Concert by Lindsay String Quartet, Phoenix Arts Centre, Newark Street, Leicester, 7.30.
Concert by Berlin Symphony Orchestra, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Dunes and Marshes: Vegetation Around Morecambe Bay, by Dr Andrew Malloch, Duke's Playhouse, Lancaster, 12.35.
The Sea in an Armoured Suit: Crabs, lobsters and barnacles, by I T. Bunyan, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 11.
Founding Fathers Lecture: From Robert Plot to John Henry Parker, by Arthur MacGregor, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, 5.

Food prices

Although supplies of fish appear to be more plentiful than late, the Sea Fish Industry Authority reports that prices are slightly higher. Cod fillets average about £1.26 a pound, the lowest since £1.13 in Scotland and Northern Ireland. On the other hand lemon sole is down to £1.19 in London, compared with £1.76 in Scotland, in an attempt to attract public interest in fish.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Arthur Sullivan, London, 1842; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1902, Alnora, India, 1857; Georges Brasseur, Argentinean, 1882; Friedrich Nansen, explorer and statesman, Nobel laureate (Peace), 1922, died at Lysaker, Norway, 1930.

The pound

Table with 4 columns: Bank, Buy, Sell, Rate. Lists exchange rates for various currencies like Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, and Yugoslavia.

Parliament today

Committees (9.30): Any Lords amendments to Bills. Dissolution. Lords (11): Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order and Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order. Dissolution.

Roads

London and South-east: Chelsea Bridge: Single lane traffic causing delays during morning rush hour. Congestion in Windsor town centre and along A322 and A308, Berkshire, because of Royal Windsor Horse Show. Dartford Tunnel approach road: All traffic sharing one 16 clear A282 Kent side of Thames; serious delays.

The papers

The Daily Mirror bids farewell to those MPs whose political careers end with today's dissolution of Parliament. "Harold Wilson takes with him a record of winning as many general elections as all the other leaders of the Labour Party put together; it would be a pity if he were not to be remembered as the many lesser men and women he sent to the House of Lords."

Top films

Top box-office films in London this week:
1) Tootsie
2) Sophie's Choice
3) Educating Rita
4) Gandhi
5) The Wicked Lady
6) The Untouchables
7) American Gigolo
8) Heat and Dust
9) Europa
10) Officer and a Gentleman

Highest and lowest

Yesterday's Highest day temp: Preston: 15C (59F); lowest day temp: Preston: 6C (43F); highest night temp: London: 12C (54F); lowest night temp: Liverpool: 7C (45F).

London

Yesterday's Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 8 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 54% at 6 pm. Rain: 2.8mm. Wind: S.W. at 5 pm, 8 mph. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1000.0mbars. Visibility: 25.3 km.

